

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A method ~~for doing a rental service~~ of renting a construction machine, comprising the steps of:

~~making a collection of~~ collecting operating information of one or more construction machines ~~to be~~ rented to one or more renters, by information control means;

calculating a point number related to a reduced consumption of the useful life of the construction machine by the operation of the construction machine by each ~~for service to every~~ renter, on the basis of an evaluation standard related to the consumption of the useful life of the construction machine and using ~~preset from~~ said operating information collected by said information control means; and

totaling and presenting said point number each ~~every~~ renter.

Claim 2. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein said operating information includes an operating time of the construction machine.

Claim 3. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 2, wherein said evaluation standard is used to calculate the point number in proportion to a value obtained by subtracting an actual operating time from a standard operating time only in a case where the actual operating time of the construction machine is less than the standard operating time.

Claim 4. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said operating information includes a load ratio of the construction machine.

Claim 5. (Currently Amended) ~~The method according to claim 4~~ A method of renting a construction machine, comprising the steps of:

collecting operating information of one or more construction machines rented to one or more renters, by information control means;

calculating a point number for each renter on the basis of an evaluation standard, using said operating information collected by said information control means; and

totaling and presenting said point number to each renter,

wherein said operating information includes a load ratio of the construction machine, and wherein said evaluation standard is used to calculate the point number in proportion to a value obtained by subtracting an actual load ratio from a standard load ratio only in a case where the actual load ratio is smaller than the standard load ratio.

Claim 6. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein said construction machine has a ~~special~~ specification which increases the cost of the construction machine, and said operating information includes a used time of said ~~special~~ specification.

Claim 7. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 6, wherein said evaluation standard is used to calculate the point number in proportion to a value obtained by subtracting an actual used time from a standard used time only in a case where the actual used time is less than the standard used time.

Claim 8. (Currently Amended) ~~The method according to claim 1~~ A method of renting a construction machine, comprising the steps of:

collecting operating information of one or more construction machines rented to one or more renters, by information control means;

calculating a point number for each renter on the basis of an evaluation standard, using said operating information collected by said information control means; and

totaling and presenting said point number to every renter,
wherein said point number is adjusted according to a stock state of available the
construction machines for rent machine.

Claim 9. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for ~~doing a rental service of~~ use in
renting a construction machine, comprising:

information control means for collecting operating information of one or more
construction machines ~~to be~~ rented to one or more renters, said information control means
having calculation means for calculating a point number related to a consumption of a useful
life of the construction machine by the operation of the construction machine by for service
~~to~~ each of said renters, on the basis of an evaluation standard related to a reduced
consumption of the useful life of the construction machine and using ~~preset with respect to~~
~~said construction machine from~~ said operating information, and

presentation means for totaling and presenting said point number to each ~~every~~ renter.

Claim 10. (Currently Amended) ~~The apparatus according to claim 9~~ An apparatus for
use in renting a construction machine, comprising:

information control means for collecting operating information of one or more
construction machines rented to one or more renters, said information control means having
calculation means for calculating a point number for each of said renters on the basis of an
evaluation standard using said operating information, and

presentation means for totaling and presenting said point number to each renter,

wherein said calculation means is provided with adjustment means for adjusting said
point number according to stock state of available the construction ~~machine~~ machines for
rent.

Claim 11. (Currently Amended) A system for use in renting ~~doing a rental service of~~ a construction machine, comprising:

one or more construction machines to be rented to one or more renters, said construction machine having a detector for detecting operating information and transmission means for transmitting said detected operating information ~~detected~~; and

the apparatus of claim 9 communicable with said construction machine, said apparatus having a receiver for receiving said operating information transmitted from said construction machine.

Claim 12. (Currently Amended) A terminal for use in renting ~~doing a rental service of~~ a construction machine, comprising:

a receiving device communicable with information control means for collecting operating information of one or more construction machines ~~to be~~ rented to one or more renters and receiving a point number related to a reduced consumption of the useful life of the construction machine by operation of the construction machine by each of ~~for service presented to~~ said renters, said information control means having calculation means for calculating said point number ~~for service~~ on the basis of an evaluation standard related to a consumption of the useful life of the construction machine and using ~~preset with respect to said construction machine from~~ said operating information, and

presentation means for totaling and presenting said point number to each ~~every~~ renter.